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E-Legislative Update

January 31- February 6, 2011



We are in the fourth week of the legislative session and committee hearings in the House and Senate are in progress. Legislative committees are increasing in pace and the number of bills to be heard is even higher.

This is the time where you have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the

legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

1/31/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1394](#) - Enacting the college efficiency and savings act.

Education

2/1/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1412](#) - Regarding mathematics end-of-course assessments.
2. [HB 1410](#) - Regarding science end-of-course assessments.
3. [HB 1330](#) - Adjusting high school assessments as graduation requirements.
4. [HB 1463](#) - Eliminating the use of statewide assessments as a high school graduation requirement.

Early Learning & Human Services

2/3/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
Jt. w/ House Education
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1510](#) - Regarding an assessment of students in state-funded full-day kindergarten classrooms.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

2/3/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5174](#) - Encouraging instruction in the history of civil rights.
2. Creating the launch year program [Z-0475.3].

Education

2/4/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1443](#) - Continuing education reforms.

Economic Development

Ways & Means

1/31/11 3:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1544](#) - Restricting the eligibility for the basic health plan to the basic health transition eligible population under the Medicaid waiver.

Ways & Means

1/31/11 3:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session/Public Hearing: Mental Health and Disability Lifeline (cash).

Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight

2/1/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Overview and discussion of the state's medical programs and budgets.

Human Services & Corrections

2/3/11 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5327](#) - Limiting the use of public assistance electronic benefit cards.
2. [SB 5328](#) - Requiring verification of eligibility for public assistance.
3. [SB 5330](#) - Requiring the temporary assistance for needy families grant to be dispensed as an electronic voucher benefit and limited to purposes benefiting children.

Economic Development

Community Development & Housing

2/2/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1490](#) - Concerning a business and occupation tax deduction for certified community development financial institutions.

Economic Development, Trade & Innovation

2/3/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5401](#) - Authorizing use of sales and use tax proceeds for certain public facilities in innovation partnership zones for economic development purposes.
 2. [SB 5402](#) - Concerning tax deferrals for economic development investment projects in innovation partnership zones.
 3. [SB 5403](#) - Authorizing local improvement district funding to benefit innovation partnership zones for the purposes of economic development.
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State Government & Tribal Affairs

2/2/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm E
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1371](#) - Addressing boards and commissions.

Information is current as of: January 27, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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